

**But the Lord Said, "Go..." (Acts 9:10-18)**

*God Interrupts Our Complacency*

Proposition: Every child of God can allow God to interrupt their life by following this example in the life of Ananias.

- I. Ananias was Aware of the Lord's Communication (Vs. 10)
  - A. He was a Follower of God's Prescribed Commands (Vs. 10a)
  - B. He was Faithful to God's Personal Call (Vs. 10b)
- II. Ananias did Admit His Own Concerns (Vs. 11-14)
  - A. His Concerns over Destruction (Vs. 13)
  - B. His Concerns of Danger (Vs. 14)
- III. Ananias was Attended by the Lord's Comfort (Vs. 15-16)
  - A. He was Comforted by God's Provision (Vs. 15)
  - B. He was Comforted by God's Plan (Vs. 16)
- IV. Ananias did Assert His Own Conformity (Vs. 17-18)
  - A. He showed Conformity in His Departure (Vs. 17a)
  - B. He showed Conformity in His Demonstration (Vs. 17b)
  - C. He showed Conformity in His Dependence (Vs. 18)

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God interrupts Our Complacency - Queso  
how often have you heard a personal  
anecdote started out by the phrase "So  
I was there minding my own business  
when..." If Annas were here to tell  
his story, I'd imagine his could start  
out like this. "I was there minding my own  
business, lazing along, complacent,  
when God just but in. Complacency is  
something every believer has to guard  
against. We tend towards complacency.

Sundell describes in an essay of His  
But there is nothing like God to interrupt  
our complacency. God desires us to be  
stirred and renewed. Every child of God

1. Annas Was Aware of the Lord's Commu-  
nations. In the illustrated children's book  
I read to the kids, Annas is in a workshop  
sawing some wood, eyes raised <sup>to me</sup>, are you talk  
A. He was a follower of God's Prescribed  
Commands - Vs10. Annas was a disciple  
a follower of Jesus. Annas had  
followed the announced, professed  
or prescribed way. The revealed word  
of God has penetrated into his life and  
now he was a learner, a pupil, a disciple  
of the ways of God. (3) 1 John 1:7; 2:6. How can  
we walk as He walked? God has given us

his word! (v.6-8). It says He was a devout man

**B. He was Faithful to God's Personal Call**

(10b) - God calls personally to him "Ananias". Ananias didn't hide or ignore this call. Behold 'I am here' Lord. What a response! Behold 'Look Lord' A presentation of self. Lord I am here and available to your call! This response is the response of men used greatly for God. In Gen 22:1 Abraham 'Behold here am I' Gen 31:11 Jacob 'Here am I' Ex 3:4 - Moses 'Here am I' 1 Samuel 3:14 - Head

**II. Ananias did Admit His Own Concerns**  
One of the most wonderful aspects of God was its honesty. With the personal call to Moses there were questions. Jeremiah's questions Ps 103:14

**A. His Concerns over Destruction -**

God asks the unthinkable, to go to a murderous, vicious man, who is reeking havoc on the his own people and heal him! Ananias was well aware of Saul's rampage. His heart broken over what is happening to his brothers + sisters in Jerusalem. Could he that this destructive rampage was a matter of deep prayer, Lord do you want me to help him. We need to hinder. Are you concerned for church?

**B. His Concerns of Danger -** Ouch...

God, he's throwing folks like me in jail. Disciples like me, followers of you in his deadly crosshairs. He's

1) ...essay of his ""Always evaluating where we've been...always reacting...searching for ways to settle in and find comfort on our sofa-like surroundings...yawning...slumbering in the sleepy, warm twilight of sundown...finding a great deal of security in the mediocrity and predictability of sameness...We are like chatty, laughing tourists taking snapshots of the lowlands through rose-colored filters...enjoying today's lull...we are yesterday-dwellers...avoiding the reality of today..."

2) ...God can allow God to interrupt their life by following this example in the life of Ananias.

3) 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

4) In Isaiah 6:8 in response to the question of God "Who will go for us?" Isaiah said Here am I Lord send me! When we listen to the prescribed will of God in the Word of God, then that personal call will ring clear to us, interrupting our complacency.

5) Psalms 103:14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

1) Isaiah 55:7-8 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

2) ...the end from the beginning. Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

seeking for me. I don't need to be seeking for him. Lord you are asking me to do something completely outside my logic. Oh but so often God calls us out of our complacency out side of our ability to see his ability. Is 55:7-8①

III. Ananias was Attended by the Lord's comfort. It is important to note that just because Ananias quiescence, does not mean that he stopped being useful, No God strengthens us.

A. He was comforted by God's provision  
The prefix Pro is Latin for forward  
or ahead. Vision means to see. God for-  
ward vision is here the comfort to  
Canaan's heart, the seen ahead.

sinanias. I have chosen him and although you don't see ahead like I do he is a chosen vessel to be used mightily for my sake. Abraham offers your son. You don't know I just got a ram walking up back side He sees the end

B. He was Convinced by God's Plan - When he sees the future through his prophecies he connects to it by our fulfilling his step-by-step plan. Chanias, the

first step forward toward God is now in the Kingdom of God through this man is for you to simply step out side your door. What if Ananias had said no Could it be that we would know so little

through Jesus Christ. Most often while God.

**IV. Ananias did assert His Own Conformity**

So much hung in the balance that moment

that Ananias could not have even dreamed of and

**A. He showed Conformity in His Departure**

Now I want you to know that Ananias

going to Damascus to see Saul of Tarsus is

like you being call to go to an apartment complex

in Dalton to find Osama Bin Laden. Unthink-

able to most, but the clear command of God.

He conformed obediently in walking out the door.

**B. He showed Conformity in His Demonstration**

Not only did he go but he did exactly

what God told him to do. He communica-

ted what God wanted him to communicate.

He demonstrated what God wanted him to

demonstrate. Oh how good longs for old

servants today like Ananias. Does your life

**C. He showed Conformity in His Dependence**

We have no indication in Gods word that

Ananias had ever done something like this

before. I don't believe healing power

was inherent in the touch of any man, but

was solely the power of God through the

right vessels. Ananias was dependent on <sup>God</sup>

**V. Closing** A W Tozer said "Complacency

is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth.

Maybe you come here today minding your

own business when God is calling. Maybe

lost.

1) ...dreamed of and there are the words of Vs. 17...

2) ...your life demonstrate a conformity to the prescribed call and  
the personal call God has on your life.

3) ...dependent on God alone for protection and power. What a  
lesson for us.